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1. "As a result of the Chinese-Bulgarian trade agreement, a large number of Chinese products are on sale in Sofia. Their prices, however, are so prohibitive that even well-paid officials cannot afford them. The Chinese products are of good quality.

(a) Chinese silk is offered in the shops-200 Levas per meter. That is about half the monthly salary of the man-on-the-street.

(b) Beautiful Chinese porcelain may be seen in the Exportmag shop by the Hotel Bulgaria and also in the State Jewelry Shop at the corner of Klementina and Legue Streets. The following prices were noted:

Decorative plate, about 30 cm in diameter- 140-200 Levas.

Square porcelain box with beautifully painted lid- 600 Levas.

Porcelain statuettes, about 30cm high, of wonderful craftsmanship- One costs 2,500 Levas, another 4,000 Levas (new currency).

Beautiful translucent green porcelain dish about 10x8x2 cm - 6,200 Levas".

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